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Release Date: 06/22/12
Time: 1830 Hours

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Incident / DR#: Assault with a Deadly Weapon / DR #12-7463

Date: 06/22/12

Location: 2205 Harbor Blvd

Time: 1633 Hours

Suspect:	Name: Joseph Robert Barnes City of Residence: Transient (Costa Mesa) Charges:	Age: 28 : :
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Vehicle:	None	

Synopsis:

On 06/22/12, at 1633 hours, a sergeant was patrolling in the area of 2200 Harbor Blvd. The sergeant saw three males in front of the New Harbor Inn, located at 2205 Harbor Blvd. The males appeared to be in an agitated state. One of the males was holding a bicycle lock and appeared to be threatening another male with it. The sergeant drove up to the males to investigate. The sergeant overheard the male with the lock tell the other male to quit chasing him with a knife. The sergeant ordered all involved to sit on the ground. The male with the bike lock pointed at a second male, stating "he has a knife."

This male was later identified as being, Joseph Barnes. The sergeant looked at Barnes and saw a knife, with a two inch blade, at his feet. Additional officers responded, Barnes was handcuffed and detained. After interviewing all persons involved it was learned that Barnes had previously been at the Costa Mesa Motor Inn, located at 2277 Harbor Blvd. While at the motel, Barnes attempted to stab two males by lunging at them with the knife. Per witnesses and victims this was an unprovoked assault. Barnes had also assaulted another male by hitting him with his elbow. Victims and witnesses pursued Barnes as he fled southbound from the Motor Inn towards the New Harbor Inn. The witnesses and victims were attempting to detain Barnes for police.

Barnes was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and assault and battery. A search of Barnes's possessions showed that he was in possession of multiple credit cards, identification and checks that did not belong to him. Further investigation showed that these items were stolen. Barnes was showing strong signs and symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Barnes admitted to using Methamphetamine and that he had just been released from jail a week ago for drug related offenses. An under the influence of a controlled substance evaluation was conducted. Barnes was additionally charged with being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Barnes was booked into the Costa Mesa City Jail for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Assault and Battery, Possession of Stolen Property and Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance. Lieutenant

Supervisor Writing / Approving Release: Sergeant McKinley / Lieutenant Schennum